IN THE CLAIMS:

The present listing of the claims will replace all previous claim listings as follows:

1. (Currently) A wound care device for local treatment of pain in a wound, said device comprising an active pain ~~killing~~ relieving agent~~, said device being capable of releasing a painkilling agent to a wound even when only low levels of exudates are present, that supplies pain relief locally to a wound and nearby surroundings and wherein at least 50% w/w of the pain killing agent is released during the first 24 hours after application and wherein a majority of said pain killing agent is in direct contact with the wound~~ incorporated into a wound-contacting layer of a material that exhibits suitable permeability for wound exudates, said wound-contacting layer also having a thickness of between about 0.5 mm and about 1.5 mm and being easily removable from the wound.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein the pain~~-killing~~ relieving agent is an anti-inflammatory pain~~-killing~~ relieving agent.

4. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein the device has a maximum absorption of 0.2 g/cm^2.

5. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein the device ~~is substantially non-absorbent~~ has a maximum absorption of 0.05 g/cm^2 or less.

6. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein ~~the release of the pain-killing agent is substantially independent of the amount of wound exudate~~ the device is in the form of a sheet-like layer.

7. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The wound care device according to claim ~~1~~ 6, ~~wherein the pain-killing agent is released to the wound in such a way that substantially no effective systemic plasma concentration of the pain-killing agent can be found~~ wherein the layer is prepared from a web, a net, a knit, a woven or a non-woven fabric, a permeable or perforated film or a foam or a hydrogel.

8. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein at least 50% w/w of the pain-~~killing~~ relieving agent is released during the first 12 hours after application.

9. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein at least 50% w/w of the pain-~~killing~~ relieving agent is released during the first 6 hours after application.

10. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein at least 75% w/w of the pain-~~killing~~ relieving agent is released during the first 24 hours after application.

11. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein at least 75% w/w of the pain-~~killing~~ relieving agent is released during the first 12 hours after application.

12. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein at least 75% w/w of the pain-~~killing~~ relieving agent is released during the first 6 hours after application.

13. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein at least 90% w/w of the pain-~~killing~~ relieving agent is released during the first 24 hours after application.

14. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein at least 90% w/w of the pain-~~killing~~ relieving agent is released

during the first 12 hours after application.

15. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein at least 90% w/w of the pain-~~killing~~ relieving agent is released during the first 6 hours after application.

16. - 18. (Cancelled).

19. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein the pain-~~killing~~ relieving agent is a NSAID.

20. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein the pain-~~killing~~ relieving agent is ibuprofen.

21. - 26. (Cancelled).

27. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The wound care device according to claim ~~1~~ 7, wherein the device is in the form of an open fabric ~~being coated or impregnated with a composition comprising the pain-killing agent~~.

28. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The wound care device according to claim 27 wherein the composition further comprises a non-stick agent.

29. (Cancelled).

30. (New) The wound care device according to claim 28, wherein the non-stick agent comprises petrolatum.

31. (New) The device according to claim 1, wherein at least 50% w/w of the pain-relieving agent is released during the first 24 hours after application.

32. (New) The wound care device according to claim 1, wherein the wound-contacting layer is coated with a composition comprising the pain relieving agent.

33. (New) The wound care device according to claim 1, wherein the wound-contacting layer is impregnated with a composition comprising the pain relieving agent.

34. (New) The wound care device according to claim 1, wherein the device is constructed such that the pain relieving agent is released to the wound at a rate that will result in a plasma concentration of pain relieving agent that is incapable of causing any systemic effect.

35. (New) A wound care dressing comprising a wound-contacting layer in the form of the device of claim 1 and further comprising an absorbent layer.